

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-5, 9-27, 29-32, 37, 38, 41 and 42 have been rejected.

Claims 6-8, 28, 33-36, 39-40 have been objected to.

Claims 5, 6, 11, 19, 33, and 42 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 7, 10, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23-25, 27, 28, 30-32, and 34-41 have been amended.

New Claims 43-54 are presented for consideration.

No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration of the Claims is respectfully requested.

1. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-8, 28, 33- 36, and 39-40 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 6 and those of any intervening claims. Claims 5 and 6 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 14 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 19. Claim 19 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 27 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 33. Claim 33 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 41 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 42. Claim 42 has been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 27 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 28, and is presented as New Claim 43. Applicant respectfully submits that New Claims 43-54 as presented are allowable as written.

Claims 10, 19-21, 23, 25, 37, and 42 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that amendments overcoming the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, had been presented in response to the earlier Office Action having a mailed date of March 20, 2007, and accordingly, are in condition for allowance.

2. Conclusion

As a result of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-4, 7-10, 12-18, 20-32, 34-41, and new Claims 43-54 in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests allowance of such Claims.

If any issues arise, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at ksmith@texaspatents.com.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Garlick Harrison & Markison Deposit Account No. 50-2126.

Respectfully submitted,

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